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International network of treatment alternatives for recovery – INTAR

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The International Network of Treatment Alternative for Recovery (INTAR; http://www.intar.org) was founded in 2003 by a group of U.S. practitioners and advocates in mental health recovery including world renowned psychiatrists, people who have recovered from mental distress, psychologists, family members and other mental health professionals. The international organization grew out of the shared experience and expert body of research that demonstrates a strong need to promote non-medical humane, non-coercive ways of helping people in emotional crisis. INTAR is a key international organization dedicated to advancing the knowledge and availability of alternative approaches for individuals experiencing severe mental distress. This presentation will focus on strategies to increase the knowledge base about effective, non-coercive alternatives and to promote their dissemination.